

SKEYTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held at Skeyton Village Hall on Thursday 22nd November 2018. 7.30.p.m.

Present: Vice-Chairman J. Hughes (who chaired the meeting) Cllr: S. Bunting, Cllr: H. Randell, Cllr: D. Scott. District Councillor Saul Penfold, County Councillor John Timewell and Parish Clerk Mrs. D. Fields.

1. Apologies
Apologies were received from Chairman Cllr: M. Hicks, Cllr: Ian Stevenson & Cllr: A. Morton
2. Minutes
Minutes from the meeting on Wednesday 12th September 2018, were signed and accepted as a true and accurate record of proceedings.
3. Matters Arising.
 - a) Grit Salt. A costing of £105. 89 was quoted for 1000kg of grit salt. The Chairman to arrange to collect one morning and then fill up the seven grit bins. A HUGE THANKS TO THE CHAIRMAN FOR FINDING THE TIME TO DO THIS FOR THE PARISH OF SKEYTON.
 - b) The Clerk has made enquiries about the Parish buying and installing a Defibrillator. British Heart Foundation supply one with training for £600. Clerk also to contact Banningham & Colby Parish Council as they installed a defibrillator on the side of The Crown Public House.
 - c) Better quality photographs of the original Parish Sign were sent and e-mailed to The Village Sign People. The costings for a Single sided in cast aluminium sign came out to £3,950.00 A bespoke hand carved in wood £7,500 upwards. It was therefore agreed that was too much money to spend. The Council to try The Big Society Fund (who meet on 3rd December) and Norfolk Community Fund.
 - d) As stated in the previous meetings a young entrepreneur has designed the Council a new web site. He has completed this and the Council agreed to pay £50 for his trouble. Patrick who has done a fantastic job for the Parish Council will be waiving any fee, providing his development time and ongoing support free of charge as part of his community work for his Duke of Edinburgh award. The Chairman of the Council will be assessing his work.
ONCE AGAIN, A BIG BIG THANKS FOR PATRICK FOR ALL HIS HARD WORK AND TIME.
PX2 who were currently hosting our previous web site have been informed we no longer need their services.
4. Correspondence
 - a) Vattenfall-up-date. List of public information events being held by the Applicant. North Walsham Community Centre on Friday 23rd November 2018, being the nearest to Skeyton.
 - b) Poppy Seeds sent to the Council from NNDC asking Councils to set Poppy Seeds to mark the centenary of Armistice. Some of these seeds have been given to the Village Hall to be set around the Hall. Once sown the number of poppies should increase year on year and will provide an annual glorious display of colour.
 - c) Broadband up-date. An e-mail has been received from the Highway Network Co-ordinator, stating that a new communications cabinet (reference BBfN Swanton Abbott 6) is to be installed in the grass verge on Swanton Abbott Road near the junction with Felmingham Road, Skeyton (opposite side of 5 Highview. 1m right of the existing

electricity pole. 2.6m back from the road edge) to serve residents & businesses in the immediate surrounding area. No date for installation is currently available, however the BBfN Programme is due to complete by the end of March 2020.

- d) A letter has been received from Aylsham & District Care Trust, for over 30 years Act has been offering services to local communities, mostly older persons. Initially they started arranging luncheon clubs and transport to these lunches. They are based on the site of the former hospital in Aylsham, St. Michael's. They have gone from strength to strength and now offer so many more facilities. Clerk to fill in their attached questionnaire and advertise them on our new web site.
- e) NDR proposed new route – An e-mail has been received concerning upcoming consultations regarding the options for the Norwich Western Link. These consultations will run between Monday 26th November 2018 and Friday 18th January 2019. The nearest one to Skeyton will take place in Aylsham Town Hall on Tuesday 8th January 2019. See online www.norfolk.gov.uk/nwl for more information.
- f) May 2019 Election costs have been sent to the Council. For a contested election, between £500-£2000 (one of the highest costs is for ballot papers). If our election is uncontested, there will be associated charges. There will be a blanket charge of £200 for the 2019 elections for all the uncontested elections and not charging for each one. All in all, the estimated cost for an uncontested election will be around £50-£250.
- g) Review of Polling Districts and Places. Following the electoral review of North Norfolk Undertaken by the Local Government Boundary Committee in 2017, the new ward areas From which come into effect from the Full Council elections in May 2019, the District Council has undertaken a review of polling districts and polling places to align them with the new ward boundaries. There is no change for Skeyton Parish, the Village Hall will remain as a Polling Station.
- h) Budget Consultation 2019/20 re: Norfolk County Council. The use of their services, particularly by those becoming older, is growing every year. Demand is rising but the amount of money they received from central government is declining; they now receive £204 million less each year, compared to 2011/12, and this is expected to fall to zero by 2020/01. Strategies have been developed to overcome these financial challenges through various principles. Go on line to view more haveyoursay@norfolk.gov.uk or write to Freepost Plus RTCL-XSTT-JZSK Norfolk County Council, Ground floor – south wing, County Hall, Martineau Lane, Norwich. NR1 2DH.

5. Planning.

No plans at the present.

6. Finance

- a) Bank Statement = £2,907. 71 up to 1st November 2018.
- b) Income & Expenditure information given to Councillors.
- c) Precept 2018-19 – Second half of this year received.
- d) Precept 2019- 20. This will remain the same £1,066.00 + £34.00 grant
(This was proposed by Cllr: S. Bunting & seconded by Vice-Chairman Cllr: J. Hughes.
- e) Bottle Bank Return had been sent to Norfolk County Council for 3 tonnes of mixed glass.
- f) NALC Increase of 1.9% starting April 2019.
- g) Clerk's Wages and Tax cheque signed.

7. Highways

- a) Common Road. The Parish Council asked County Councillor John Timewell if he could help the Council draw a line on the ongoing problem of Common Road. County Councillor John Timewell met Jon Winnett from the Highways Department based at Aylsham. The problem was cars being parked on the side of the road and large vehicles could not get through. The Council asked if a hardstanding area could be made for these cars to use, and it was reported back that "They cannot provide private parking spaces, not a County issue". There was also a flooding issue down this road, and the drains had not been cleared out for some time.

There is a pipe across the farmer's field to help with the flooding problem and the farmer was jetting this out himself.

In the last set of minutes, the Council reported that Black Horse Road was dropping on every side. Surface is so smooth and if we had a bad winter this road will be lethal.

This road is New Road not Black Horse road as stated. Once again County Councillor John Timewell would help with this. Many thanks for County Councillor John Timewell for all his time and help.

Three months ago in Tuttington lane a tractor dropped his plough and ripped up the road. An emergency repair was carried out.

8. Any other business.

County Councillor John Timewell reported that Mandy Thompson has resigned and her position was not to be replaced, no M.D. of County's Head of Paid Services, the job is to be taken up by Tom McCabe.

Children's Services proposals to chop services back.

County Councillor John Timewell said "If Norfolk County Council had amalgamated with Suffolk County Council there would have been more funding." He also said "He would not be standing again for election, and he had two years in office left to run".

It was reported to District Councillor Saul Penfold that a property had had an extension built and the extension was attached to the property by a walk way. This would need planning permission. So, the owner of the property has removed the walk way hence no planning permission is needed.

Our District Councillor also reported that a motion of no confidence in the Conservative administration had been tabled by the Liberal Democrats at NNDC's Full Council Meeting On 21st November. The motion was brought following the Conservative administration's handling of the Egmore Enterprise Zone proposal and its refusal to commission an independent business audit, despite Full Council and the Overview and Scrutiny Committee voting to require the Conservative Cabinet to do so. The motion was therefore carried and the vote of no confidence passed. This resulted in the Liberal Democrats taking control of NNDC and the election of Sarah Butikofer as its new Leader. Sarah has subsequently established a new cross-party Cabinet of four Liberal Democrats, two Conservatives and 1 Independent Councillor.

The meeting closed at 9.15.p.m.

Dates for 2019 Skeyton Parish Council Meetings in Skeyton Village Hall are as follows:-

Please note the meetings for 2019 are now on a Tuesday evening.

5th February 2019, 14th May 2019, 3rd September 2019 and 19th November 2019.